

**Manitoba.**

J. Scott will open in the farm implement business at Ragot.

T. T. Thompson intends opening a flour and feed business at Morden.

S. George, of Portage la Prairie, will open a harness shop at Swan River.

W. Pitcher, baker, of Portage la Prairie, will open business at Swan River.

Chas. E. Gardner, of Brandon, is opening in musical instruments, etc., at Rapid City.

The A. E. Hill Co. (Ltd.) has taken over the stocks of A. E. Hill at Griswold and Hartney.

R. Davis has bought the stock of C. Hilker, baker, etc., Oak River, and is adding groceries.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the afternoon.

J. E. Bossons, of Portage la Prairie, will open in hardware, building material, etc., at Swan River.

W. D. Ruttan, general merchant, Manitou, has sold out his stock and rented his premises to C. R. Gordon.

E. E. Turner and N. Holmes have formed a partnership as general merchants, and will open business at McGregor.

Hall Bros. & Co., Portage la Prairie, have purchased a property and will erect thereon a substantial two-story building.

A combine of all Winnipeg milk vendors is proposed. The object is to cheapen the cost of delivery from 3 to 1 cent per quart, and provide for the elimination of tuberculosis milk.

Griswold is to have a paper to be called the Griswold Ledger. The first issue will appear on Feb. 1st. Benham & Garrison, of Virden, are the publishers.

John Spittal, blacksmith, Stonewall, has sold out to J. W. Fullbrook, hardware merchant, of that place, and has moved to Winnipeg. Henderson & Mallard, blacksmiths, will succeed Spittal.

The amalgamation of the oil companies will affect the Winnipeg branches, which will be amalgamated. Mr. Sharp, of the Imperial, and Mr. Judd, of the Standard, will act as joint local managers.

It is announced that a daily mail service will be inaugurated on the Belair branch railway. The government has been tardy in recognizing the rights of the people along this line, but it is satisfactory to note that the frequent requests for improved mail service have at last brought the desired result.

**Assiniboia.**

D. Woodward, grocer, Reglin, intends giving up this business at the end of February and moving to New Westminster, British Columbia, where he will likely engage in the same line.

Four cars of cattle were shipped from Yorkton recently by Thomas Meredith for Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg.

**Northwest Ontario.**

Fort William has adopted the early closing plan for business places.

J. Devanny has sold his interest in the Queen's hotel, Rat Portage, to his

partner, Mr. Brady. Mr. Devanny has purchased the Keeler hotel, Toronto.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—J. B. Booth will put two new steamers on the route between Fort William and Depot Harbor next year to handle Manitoba grain. A barge line will be inaugurated between Coteau and Montreal.

**Grain and Milling News.**

A very handsome blotter has been received from Leitch Bros., millers, of Oak Lake, Man.

The visible supply of wheat continues to show moderate increases each week, while during previous years at this season the "visible" has usually grown smaller.

The Dominion government will be memorialized by the board of trade to appoint official sworn weighers at terminal elevators at Montreal, St. John and other points east.

The Montreal Gazette of Monday last says: There was a good demand from country buyers for Manitoba grades of flour, and agents of the smaller mills report sales of 1,000 sacks at an advance in price of 15c per barrel on track, over previous sales.

The Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, have already received a number of applications for seed oats. They purpose bringing in a number of car lots of choice white oats, which they will sell to farmers at cost, for seed purposes, in order to encourage the growing of choice varieties of oats suitable for milling.

H. W. T. Grant, of the Winnipeg Plating Co., has received a letter from his father who is in business in Australia, in which the following passage occurs: "I met an agent of a New York shipping firm recently, who told me, that he has been doing a large business in Canadian flour, the product of the Lake of the Woods Co.'s mills. The flour is guaranteed to buyers to make 140 to 200 more loaves of bread to the ton than any Australian flour."

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

It is reported that the Columbia River Canneries association, recently formed, is to consolidate with the Alaska Packers' association.

A bill has been introduced in the senate of the state of Minnesota for the repeal of the one-cent bounty on beet sugar as given under the law passed two years ago.

The feature of the molasses market, says the Montreal Gazette, has been

the fact that the Grocers guild have advanced prices for Barbadoes 1c per gallon, car lots now being quoted at 31c and smaller quantities at 32c.

**Tenders.**

The general stock of A. N. Ellis & Co., Carberry, Man., is offered for sale by tender to Feb. 10.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal company are open to receive tenders for the erection of 200 coke ovens.

Tenders for printing and stationery for the municipality of Rockwood Man., are wanted before Feb. 22.

Tenders will be received by the trustees of Ravine school district, Virden district, Man., Feb. 17, for the building and furnishing of a frame school building.

Tenders are asked for the erection of a solid brick hotel of thirty-eight rooms at Moose Jaw, Assa. Tenders to be opened on Feb. 25. Plans at Brunswick hotel, Moose Jaw, and at the office of J. E. Forslund, Winnipeg.

**Dairy Trade Items.**

J. Dousfield, of the Brandon creamery, is canvassing the Portage la Prairie district with a view to establishing business there.

At the annual meeting of the creamery at Macdonald, Man., it was reported that the product of last season, a period of four months, aggregated 11,861 pounds, which was sold at an average price of 181.2 cents per pound, realizing to the patrons 111.2 cents. This was a little in advance of the results of 1897. D. W. McQuig was reappointed secretary and manager.

**Manitoba Wheat Stocks**

There were 1,962,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on January 28. Receipts for the week were 192,000 bushels and shipments 65,000 bushels.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Kewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at 8,200,000 bushels, compared with about 5,000,000 bushels a year ago.

The Canadian Pacific railway land department sold land last year to 201 settlers from the United States. This of course, only represents a limited portion of the total number coming from the United States. A good many would take up government land, or secure farms in other ways, while some would locate in the towns.

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